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## **Istook Named Vice-Chair of Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee**

*Washington, DC* -- Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) has been appointed the Vice-Chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. The move is part of a reorganization of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee which is consolidating its 13 subcommittees down to ten.

**“No part of our government has greater priority than Homeland Security,”** said Istook. **“It’s never been more critical, but we’ve got major challenges in combating terrorism while protecting our liberties. That includes protecting our borders while helping boost the trade that means jobs and prosperity for America. This will expand my role in Homeland Security, because the subcommittee that controls the funding is a much smaller group than the special committee I served on last session.”**

Last Congress, Istook was a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security along with 48 other members. Istook will no longer serve on that committee because it has become a permanent committee and members of the Appropriations Committee are not allowed to serve on any other permanent committees without a waiver.

In addition to his vice-chairmanship, Istook will continue in his position as the second-ranking member on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and he will also serve on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee.